

tics of the party selected, but shall choose men for their peculiar and special fitness and skill for managing and working the public roads.

Commissioners to meet and qualify.

SEC. 10. The said highway commissioners, within ten days after the ratification of this act, shall meet at the courthouse in Albemarle, when notified so to do by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Stanly County, and after first taking and subscribing an oath before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Stanly County for the faithful performance of their duties, which oath shall be filed with the clerk, shall proceed to organize by electing one of their members chairman, another secretary, and some suitable person treasurer. The treasurer so elected shall give such bond as may be required by the highway commission for the faithful performance of his duties, and for accounting for all moneys coming into his hands, and he shall not be allowed fees or commissions, but he shall be allowed a salary, to be fixed by the highway commission, not exceeding ten dollars per month. The members of said highway commission shall be paid out of the funds of said townships one dollar and fifty cents per day, and mileage at five cents per mile: *Provided*, they shall not be paid for more than two days in each month, if they should meet that often, and for not more than twenty-four days in each year. Three of their number shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Chairman, secretary, and treasurer.

Treasurer to give bond.

Salary of treasurer.

Pay of commissioners.

Quorum.

Control and management of roads and bridges.

Powers of commission.

SEC. 11. The highway commission herein created shall have entire control and management of the public roads and bridges of North and South Albemarle townships; it is hereby directed, authorized, and empowered to make all necessary surveys for changing, locating, relocating, and opening up both new and old roads; to work, grade, maintain, and to do all things necessary and pertinent to the construction and maintenance of the roads and highways in said townships. The county commissioners of Stanly County shall turn over to said highway commission all the road machinery and implements now belonging to said townships, and take receipt therefor, and such convict forces as may be held by said county shall be subject to the orders of said highway commission, who shall pay all cost of maintaining and guarding said convict force out of the moneys provided for in this act.

Machinery and tools.

Convict force.

Specifications of highways.

SEC. 12. The highways in said townships constructed or improved under this act shall have a right of way of not less than forty feet, twenty feet of which shall be free from logs, stumps, rocks and stones, and the whole of which shall be as straight as practicable, with no grade over five per cent, except where such grade is considered impracticable by the road engineer. And the said highway commissioners be and they are hereby authorized, directed, and empowered to take over from the board of commissioners of the town of Albemarle the present chain-gang force, together with all stock, machinery, camps, and equipment of every kind whatsoever belonging thereto; and the board of commis-

Chain-gang, stock, and equipment.